

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 20, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Ms. Kimberly Cheatle
Director
United States Secret Service

Dear Director Cheatle:

My office has received legally protected whistleblower disclosures that include records of communications between and among Secret Service personnel.¹ The records include communications from July 11, 2024, that show First Lady Jill Biden received 12 Secret Service personnel for “post standing” for her event in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on July 13, 2024. Those same communications show that former President Trump received three Secret Service personnel for “post standing” for his event in Butler, Pennsylvania on July 13, 2024. The information does not include a list of Department of Homeland Security HSI personnel or a total list of Secret Service personnel that may have been assigned to former President Trump for the rally. I welcome any additional information you can provide relating to these communications and the total number of federal employees that were present that day. I’ve included a portion of the emails here:

SUBJ: 203.080 First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden to Pittsburgh, PA
The following 12 personnel have been selected for a temporary assignment as post standers in support of First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden to Pittsburgh, PA on July 13, 2024.
SUBJ: 203.080 Candidate Donald Trump to Pittsburgh, PA
The following 3 personnel have been selected for a temporary assignment as post standers in support of Candidate Donald Trump to Pittsburgh, PA on July 13, 2024.

On July 16, 2024, I wrote to the Secret Service and other agencies requesting records and information relating to the monumental security failure that resulted in the July 13, 2024, assassination attempt.² As part of my request, I asked for a list of all personnel from all federal agencies present that day. Accordingly, as a supplement to my initial request letter, I reiterate my request for records and information with emphasis on Questions 6, 7, 8 as it pertains to federal and state personnel present on July 13, 2024. And, finally, I request all communication records with the subject line, “203.080 Candidate Donald Trump to Pittsburgh, PA” and “203.080 First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden to Pittsburgh, PA” no later than July 26, 2024.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Budget

¹ The whistleblower disclosures were facilitated by Empower Oversight, counsel of record.

² Press Release, *Grassley Launches Secret Service Investigation Following Assassination Attempt Against Former President Trump* (July 17, 2024) <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-launches-secret-service-investigation-following-assassination-attempt-against-former-president-trump>.